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The Parting Shot: A wave washes over '2020' written in the sand at Stavros Beach. Photo by Joel Diller, Public Affairs.

Triad Corner



Happy New Year, Team Souda.

WOW! Usually in a New Year's article we would look back at the previous year and cite all of the amazing events that transpired. As for our year in 2020, many of us are reticent to recollect the astonishing upheaval that we all shared. I say "we" as a description of ourselves as both a collective in the Navy, but also "we" as sisters and brothers in humanity. The entire human race faced challenges this past year that no one alive today has ever had to face. There were unprecedented changes in health and social culture we had to adapt to, not merely in the way that we protect ourselves from sickness, but also in how we relate to and treat one another. We have all experienced less interaction with one another, less of the basic human experience with one another. We celebrate differently now, we greet and say farewell to one another differently now, we congratulate each other differently now, we spend time with one another differently now, and we communicate with each other over close or far distances differently now.

Even though all of our current lives are vastly different than they were a mere 10 months ago, I still encourage you to look back at the past year, remember the challenges, but more importantly, reflect on how we, as a society, and as a military, were able to adapt...so quickly, to the rapidly changing landscape of the year 2020. There were countless great things that people

did for one another during this past year, from our front line workers and medical personnel, to those who opened the nation's eyes toward social and ethnic justice. I firmly believe our society has grown from all we have experienced in the past year.

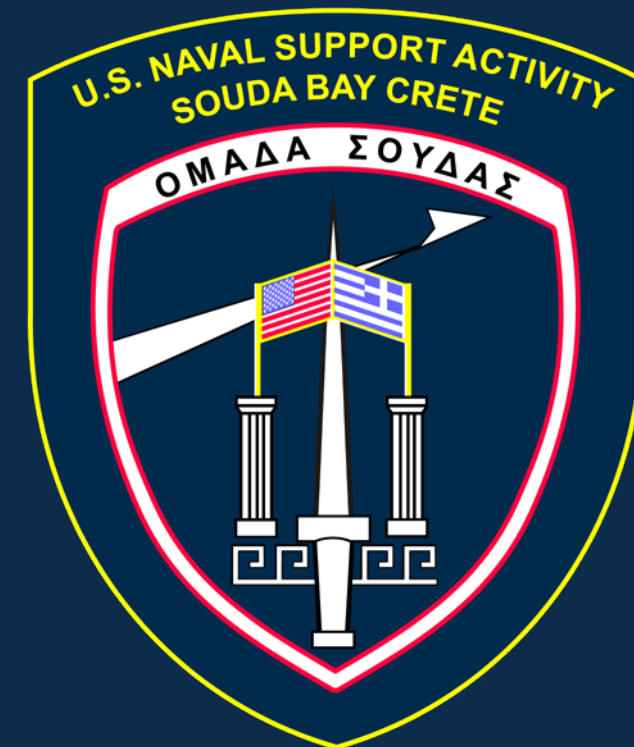
I am proud of each and every person here at Souda Bay. You have all honored one another by keeping each other safe in a tumultuous time. You all have shown great courage in the face of tremendous adversity. You have committed yourselves to the continued improvement of our health, our society, and our Navy. The "Honor, Courage, and Commitment" that you have lived and breathed throughout this past year is the reason why NSA Souda Bay is still "On Mission", "Ready to Fight Tonight", and prepared for anything that 2021 may throw our way.

Team Souda, as we prepare for the eventual tomorrow that is the year 2021, please remember: "The only easy day, was yesterday"!

Thank you all for all you have done to secure a successful 2021 for Team Souda!

~CMC

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Around NSA Souda Bay

NSA Souda Bay's Sailors of the Year

Photos by MC2 Kelly Agee, Public Affairs.



Congratulations to our 2020 Sailors of the Year! During a ceremony in front of Building 1 on Dec. 16, 2020, Capt. Rafael C. Facundo, NSA Souda Bay’s commanding officer, presented the 2020 Sailors of the Year with their certificates.



Blue Jacket of the Year Master-at-Arms Seaman Apprentice Connor Horton

Horton, a native of Hillsville, Va., has been in the Navy for 1 year and 3 months and at NSA Souda Bay for 9 months.

Horton is a member of the Security Department, standing post at the front gate and conducting roving patrols to keep Team Souda safe.

His advice for Sailors aspiring for Blue Jacket of the Year is to, “keep getting qualifications in your job and be a good role model on and off duty.”

Junior Sailor of the Year Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) 3rd Class Christian Prior

Prior, a native of Lawrenceville, Ga., has been in the Navy for 6 years and 9 months and at NSA Souda Bay for 1 year and 9 months.

Prior is a member of the Air Operations T-line division, providing equipment for aircrew and supporting the launch and recovery of all aircraft that come through NSA Souda Bay.

“It is an honor, it feels good to be recognized,” he said. “It is a credit to all the things I have done while I’ve been here, a credit to my chain of command for pushing me and recognizing me. It feels good.”



Sailor of the Year Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Luis Reynosoluna

Reynosoluna, a native of Hollywood, Calif., has been in the Navy for 9 years and at NSA Souda Bay for 1 year and 6 months.

Reynosoluna is a member of the Security Department where he is the Weapons Division leading petty officer. He is also the repair parts petty officer, a member of the Command Resilience Team, and is performing the roles of the disaster preparedness operations specialist and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives specialist.



“I hope I can inspire the guys I work with and that they excel in their careers and do even better than me,” he said.

Senior Sailor of the Year Master-at-Arms 1st Class Mikel Meister

Meister, a native of Windsor, Colo., has been in the Navy for 10 years and at NSA Souda Bay for 2 years.

Meister is a member of the Security Department where he is the Bravo section’s watch commander, leading the shift’s security operations from law enforcement to force protection.

“I think it is a good representation of my accomplishments here,” said Meister. “But also my section that works with me have set me up to be a good role model for them.”



LS1 Emata Named NAVSUP Senior Sailor of the Year



Logistics Specialist 1st Class Julio Emata, assigned to Naval Supply Systems Command, Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella Site Souda Bay, was named the NAVSUP FLSCI’s Senior Sailor of the Year for 2020.

“Petty Officer Julio Emata is an outstanding deckplate leader and an effective motivating force multiplier for our command,” said Capt. Alsandro H. Turner, commanding officer, FLCSI. “His inspiring leadership and excellent work ethic have been evident in the improved performance of his juniors and peers, as well as the outstanding feedback received from his customers operating in the U.S. Sixth Fleet AOR.”

Turner said Emata’s selection was well deserved as he epitomizes the Navy’s Core Values and his impact of his versatile skills have greatly impacted FLCSI. Emata serves as NAVSUP FLCSI Site Souda Bay’s leading petty officer, responsible for leading 14 Sailors and 37 civilians in the receipt, processing and

delivery of cargo and mail, Other Supply Organization transfers, and JP-5 fuel to support NSA Souda Bay’s operations. He is also responsible for the quality of life for all Sailors under his charge, ensuring they are well trained, and ready to support the mission.

Site Souda Bay is one of NAVSUP FLC Sigonella’s five logistics sites in the Navy Region Europe Africa Central AOR. Through its offices at NSA Souda Bay, Greece, and Athens International Airport, Site Souda Bay provides logistics, business, and quality-of-life services to U.S. Naval, Joint, and Allied customers throughout Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean.

MC3 Vernier Selected for Early Advancement

Photo by MC2 Kelly Agee, Public Affairs

Newly-appointed Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jacob Vernier received his third class petty officer crow and his certificate of advancement from Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ben Farone, leading chief petty officer for American Forces Network, Detachment Souda Bay, during a ceremony on Dec. 2, 2020, in front of Building 1.

Vernier, a native of Noblesville, Ind., has been in the Navy for 1 year and at NSA Souda Bay for 4 months. He was ranked third-highest in his “A” school class, making him eligible for an early advancement.

Vernier is proud of his advancement and said, “I want to uphold everything that it stands for, everything that the crow means. I want to represent that and continue going through the ranks and continuing the hard work to the next rank.”



Senior Chief Hemingway Reenlists

Photo by MC2 Kelly Agee, Public Affairs



Senior Chief Culinary Specialist Daniel Hemingway II receives his Certificate of Reenlistment from Chief Warrant Officer 2 Timothy Thurman, administration officer, during his Dec. 14, 2020, reenlistment ceremony in the Chapel. Hemingway, a native of Newark, N.J., has been in the Navy for 17 years and at NSA Souda Bay for a year. He reenlisted for 4 more years.

Hemingway serves as the unaccompanied housing manager, the Administration department’s leading chief petty officer and offers his cooking expertise to the Galley.

He said he has more to give to the Navy and to the junior Sailors at NSA Souda Bay, who he enjoys leading and developing.

“There is nothing like getting a Sailor in their most raw form and then helping to mold them to be that next leader and then to actually see them excel into that role and become that person, that leader. I love it.”

MWR Assembles the Base Christmas Tree

Photos by MC2 Kelly Agee, Public Affairs



Morale, Welfare and Recreation employees used a forklift and several ladders to assemble the base’s Christmas tree on The Anchor’s patio Dec. 9.

The tree was ‘lit up’ during a lighting ceremony on Dec. 16, 2020, and sparkled along with the other decorations on display throughout the holiday season.



Ugly Christmas Sweater Brunch with the Skipper

Photo by MC2 Kelly Agee, Public Affairs



Team Souda members were encouraged to show off their most festive holiday garb during an Ugly Christmas Sweater Brunch with the Skipper in the Galley on Dec. 20, 2020.

Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony

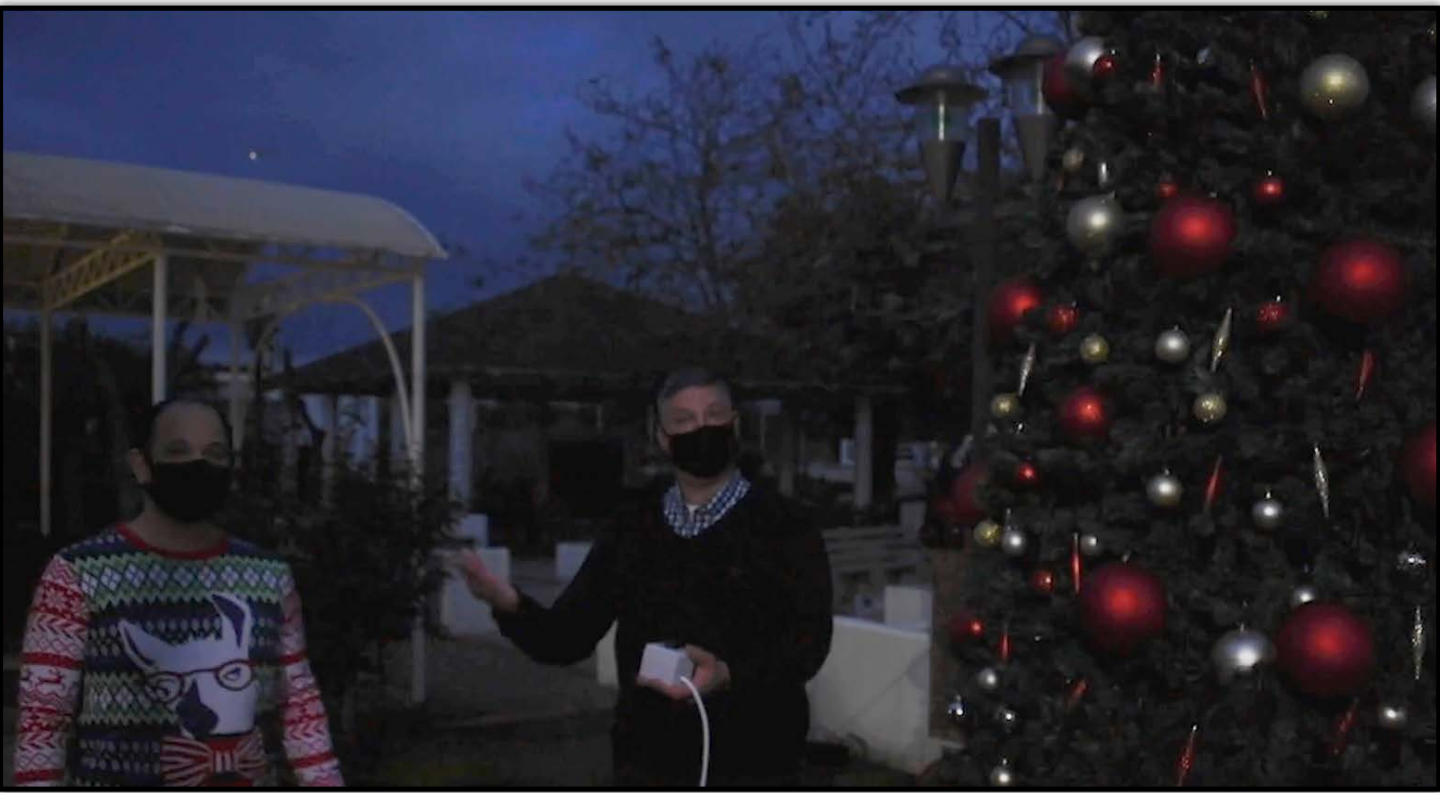
Photos by MC2 Kelly Agee, Public Affairs



A Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held Dec. 16, 2020, on The Anchor patio to kick off the holiday season.

During the event, Capt. Rafael C. Facundo, commanding officer, and Command Master Chief Brian McDonough brought their sparkling personalities and wishes of good cheer to Team Souda. The band TAD played holiday songs to get everyone into the holiday spirit.

The event was published on the command’s Facebook page for all to enjoy.



Around NSA Souda Bay
Holiday Treat Drive

Photos by Jennifer Bauer and Sandy Facundo

NSA Souda Bay volunteers package holiday treats donated by Team Souda members in a command-sponsored Holiday Treat Drive spearheaded by the NSA Souda Bay Firefighters Association. This annual drive culminates with the Holiday Treat Elves delivering the goodies to Team Souda members working on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Thank you, Team Souda, for your generosity that brought sweetness to the holiday season.



Gift Bag Pyramid

Photos by Lt. Michael Spoke, Chaplain

A holiday gift bag pyramid was displayed at The Anchor patio, Dec. 23, 2020. Team Souda's unaccompanied junior Sailors received the gift bags filled with donated items from caring citizens during an event coordinated by the Chaplain's office.



Fleet's Inn Galley Conducts Menu Review Board

Photo by MC2 Kelly Agee, Public Affairs



Chief Warrant Officer Van Vergara, food service officer, discusses agenda items during a Menu Review Board meeting Dec. 9, 2020, at the Fleet's Inn Galley. The Menu Review Board is a forum where customers are encouraged to voice concerns, opinions and recommendations regarding the Galley's services.

Post Office Processes Holiday Mail

Photos by MC2 Kelly Agee, Public Affairs

The Post Office received large shipments of mail throughout December and the Postal Services team unloaded and processed them quickly, and kept the Parcel Pick Up window open additional hours to ensure Team Souda received their gifts in time for the holidays. Here, the team processes a 242-piece delivery received on Dec. 8, 2020.







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Morning Show

Monday – Friday
6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Afternoon Show

Monday – Friday
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Music & Local Information – When You Want It

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Ryan Motley



**Military Working Dog Handler
Security**

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Ryan Motley, from Springfield, Ill., has been in the Navy for almost 10 years and stationed at NSA Souda Bay since September 2020. He said he joined the Navy because it was a good way to serve his country and work in law enforcement. He currently works in the Security Department's Military Working Dog division where he and his military working dog, Gerry, search vehicles and boats to keep Team Souda safe.

How long have you been a dog handler?

About seven months. I just cross rated from corpsman to MA and then picked up K9 School in MA school. When I got out of active duty back in 2015 I became a cop in my hometown, so law enforcement (was a) factor when I came back in the reserves as a corpsman. I wanted to come back in as an MA, but they wouldn't let me, so I had to come back in as a corpsman and route a package to come back active duty as an MA.

Is each handler assigned to a specific dog?

Yep. Each handler here, because we're such a small kennel, we have the luxury of (each) getting dogs ... MWD Gerry is my dog, he's assigned to me. He's been here quite a while, he's almost 8 years old. He's our only (German shepherd) here, all our other dogs are Belgium Malinois.

Any advice for a Sailor wanting to become a dog handler?

For the corpsman side, the Navy is still offering a program for cross rating ... It's specifically looking for corpsman looking to come into the MA rating due to their first aid skills. But for other Sailors, there is the Kennel Support Program. You go to your installation's kennel, express interest in the program, and if you pass a character board you get into the program. After months of working in the kennel and learning about the entire (military

working dog) program and how to handle a dog, you have the chance to receive a K-9 handler recommendation letter from the kennel master to become a prospective handler. Once the Navy accepts you, they will cut you orders to go to school en route to your next command or your command will sponsor you to go to school and then (come) back as a handler.

What do you like to do outside of work?

Right now, nothing (due to lockdown measures during the COVID-19 pandemic). But I'll go home, play with my pup that I picked up here, he's about 3 months old now so he takes up a majority of the time outside of [work]. We'll go on walks ... I volunteer up at the Chapel ... I play video games here and there ... I like Greek mythology so getting stationed here in Souda was awesome.

Theo Katsoulis



**Store Clerk
Navy Exchange NEXMART**

Theo Katsoulis can be spotted in the Navy Exchange Mart wearing a thick, winter jacket most days as he spends his time working behind the scenes in the deep freezer receiving, unpacking and sorting items to keep the frozen food isle stocked with food Team Souda enjoys.

What is a typical day like for you at the NEX Mart?

Well, I [work] not only in the freezer section, I also [work] in the Wi-Fi section, too ... In the freezer section I make all the orders, of course with my superior's supervision, because they need to put some extra new things to bring for the Sailors here. My main duties are stocking and bringing the food out of the freezer and to the freezer section of the store ... the rest of it is working with my colleagues and helping them with their jobs.

What do you do with the frozen food once the truck arrives?

We have a freezer in the back, a big freezer. It is big enough to put pallets inside. So after that I bring them to the shelves and after that I put them out to the freezer

section [in the store]. The stocking of the freezer section is a daily job.

Do you have to restock some foods more than others?

Yeah! We used to have the Hot Pockets and we used to have some pizzas – the DiGiorno's. But they don't have them in stock this time of the year ... probably because of the [COVID-19 pandemic] ... I keep ordering them and I don't see them on the pallet.

What is your role for the Wi-Fi section?

For the Wi-Fi for the Sailors that live in the barracks, I am in charge of signing the contracts and changing the information between the provider and them ... if they have any kind of issue they come to me, I open a ticket and I call the technician and he can fix any issue they have.

What do you enjoy most about working here?

Everything. I used to work at the QSR ... the quick service restaurant, and it was all a routine ... I think the work here has many possibilities to be better and to do more things – to look for other opportunities and to be better at something. Here, I try to help the supervisors online, if needed, and it is something new to me and I think I enjoy it. All my colleagues treat me with respect and I love that here. It is a community where you're not [just] Greeks ... and more than [just] Americans, it is a multinational team.

When you are not at work, what you do you enjoy doing?

I am married and I have a kid ... he is 11 years old now. We [play] a lot of games like Monopoly Hotels and some I used to play when I was a kid [like] the game of Life. Because he is now a little older than just a boy we bought [him] a table-top game but it has an (role-playing game) aspect to it – it is more deep, strategy themed.

Darrell Nichols



**Information Systems Security Manager
Information Technology (N6)**

Information technology has been a part of Darrell Nichols' life. His uncle introduced him to writing programs for the Atari 400 as a child, which inspired him to continue programming throughout high school. He served as an Army combat signaler and now serves as Team Souda's cybersecurity expert.

What does the Information Systems Security Manager do for Team Souda?

I handle cybersecurity for NSA Souda Bay. One of the fun things I get to do is [present during indoctrination week] ... it gives me an opportunity to talk to the Sailors and make them aware of cybersecurity and let them know about how we manage risk here and why that is important and how they play a role in that.

Also with (my coworker) Matt, I do (System Authorization Access Request) form requests, background checks ... risk assessments, audits, ... and using open source intelligence I [try to] figure out where our adversaries are. I also handle all the external hard drives ... the processing of the SIPRNet token for folks, and checking new systems [to see if] they meet the standards as far as risk is concerned.

Is there anything unique about the IT department here?

There are two parts. I work with an excellent team of all veterans which know exactly how to get that mission accomplished. It is great to work with a team of people like that because if I don't know something, somebody on that team is going to be the (subject matter expert).

Other than that I would say (something unique) is probably this tool that I worked on called ARAST that allows us to keep track of all the accounts, groups, and the systems that we have. It's kind of like an inventory of everything so we can see what's going on and get an idea of what our cybersecurity posture is. That is only because I have some programming background and kind of put that thing together.

How do you like to spend your spare time?

My daughter was born here so I enjoy spending time with her and have been doing a lot of that lately. Just watching her grow and see all the new things she is learning, it just blows my mind. She's like a little computer. Every day is something new. Learning, trying to sit up or trying to talk ... and then if I have some free time I just try to relax. I like to build little computer projects like making a computer camera myself or making something for Christmas like an LED light up. I do a little bit of soldering. I also do capture the flag events ... it's mainly for people who do cybersecurity ... and I play some video games that I have on a little system here that I built.

What do you want Team Souda to know about cybersecurity?

If you see something, please, say something. You can always call me on the phone or come by and see me in person ... I'm here to provide cybersecurity services for people on the installation.

Caring for the Community: 2020 Holiday Gift Delivery

Story by Kostas Fantaousakis, Public Affairs



NSA Souda Bay Chapel and St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church Association leaders pose with the donated presents at the St. Nektarios Girl Care Center, Dec. 18, 2020. Photo by Kostas Fantaousakis, Public Affairs.

NSA Souda Bay team members delivered holiday gifts on Dec. 18, 2020, to the St. Nektarios Girls Care Center and to the Daily Care Center for Children and Young Adults in Chania, which provide support for 33 children and young adults. The gifts of toys, sports shoes and clothing were donated by Sailors, local national and U. S. civilian employees and U. S. military retirees as an outreach project that allows Team Souda to give back to the local community where we live, work and play.

Gifts included sports equipment, shoes, clothing, cosmetics (perfume, body spray) and electronic devices. Volunteers coordinated their efforts for several weeks in order to collect, sort and wrap the gifts, always making sure to add a personal touch by including holiday cards and decorations.

Special thanks to the NSA Souda Bay Chapel, the Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions and the 1st and 2nd Class Petty Officers Association for organizing this community outreach project. And a huge Thank You to Team Souda for your generous holiday spirit!



Volunteers pose with the gifts at the Daily Care Center for Children and Young Adults of Chania. Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Ryan Ruple, American Forces Network.



Volunteers sort, wrap and place presents in gift bags at the Chapel on Dec. 17, 2020. Photos by MC2 Kelly Agee, Public Affairs.



Gift bags at the Chapel. Photo by Kostas Fantaousakis, Public Affairs.

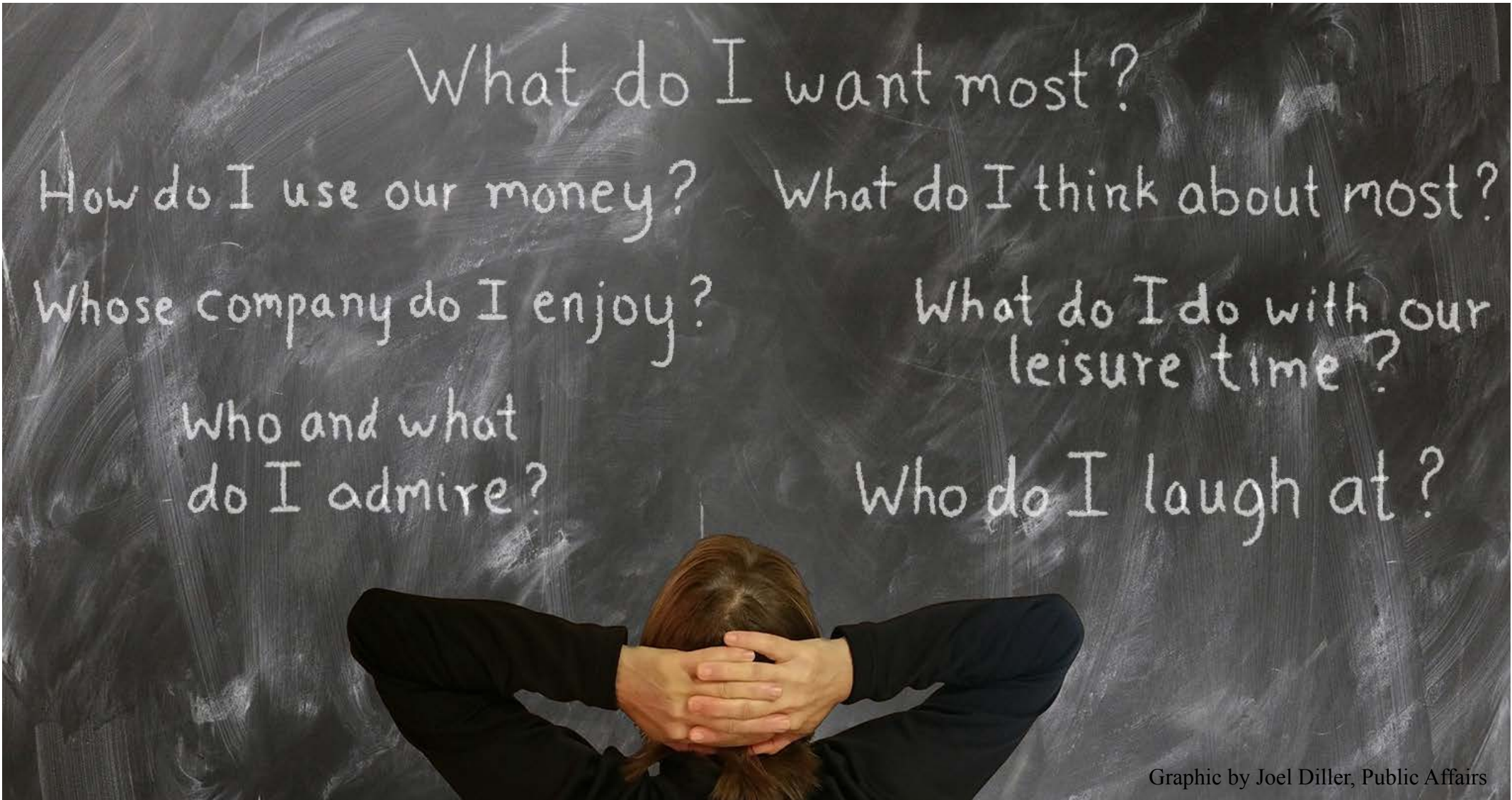
Chaplain's Corner



By Lt. Michael Spoke, Chaplain

Well Friends, we’ve done it. We have made it through 2020 – the year that turned the world upside down. It was a year in which there was very little in our control.

COVID has been undeniably challenging and painful and we could easily chalk up 2020 as a wasted year, a year we will never get back, a year that we flush away and try to forget. We could choose to cut our losses, stamp “defective” over the 2020 calendar, and channel all our hope and energy into daydreaming of days to come when COVID is far behind us. But I want to challenge each of us to pause for a moment to consider these questions... Was 2020 really only a throwaway year? How have I changed? Was there something I learned, something I cherished, something I can look back to and say, “This was important. I want to remember this?” I certainly hope there was. And yet maybe, like many of us, the year 2020 caught you in a cycle of disappointment, so that you let the days slip by and blur together in a seemingly endless stream of Netflix and frustrated monotony. I know that was some



Graphic by Joel Diller, Public Affairs

of my experience. The longer I ponder on what to make of this past year, however, the more I realize that life is short enough already. Every one of us has ownership for how we choose to live and remember our lives, regardless of the circumstances. I know many of us are holding our breath to see what a vaccine will do to “reset” the world to what it was before. But getting enough people vaccinated so that we can return to ‘normal’ will take time. Are you willing to wait? Or do you

want to grab life in whatever form it is offered and make the most of it? As we enter the New Year, I invite you to consider how you want to feel on December 31, 2021. What if we accept responsibility for making the most of 2021, regardless of COVID-19? In a world that sometimes seems to spin out of our control, I am reminded that the only thing, the only person I can consistently control and improve, is myself. So, my question becomes: what can I do to ensure that 2021 is a full, enjoyable and ‘worth remembering’ kind of year, regardless of the circumstances? I don't know what your answer to that question will be. But I want to offer the seven questions below as a kick-starter to help

you reflect upon 2020 and make 2021 more meaningful, even if the world around us is still out of control.

1. What do I want most?
2. What do I think about most?
3. How do I use our money?
4. What do I do with our leisure time?
5. Whose company do I enjoy?
6. Who and what do I admire?
7. What do I laugh at?

My hope is that these questions will help all of us choose to engage 2021 with creativity and intention!

(Adapted from A.W. Tozer’s Seven Rules for Self-Discovery)



Nikos Zacharakis
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

"I would like to get a nice French bulldog to give me company."



Utilities Technician Constructionman Apprentice
Jakob Atkins
Public Works

"Seeing my family in SoCal (Southern California)."



Boatswain's Mate Seaman Recruit
Kathy Lopez
Port Operations

"I want to gain a lot more knowledge about the Navy and confidence in myself. Also, to pick up rank and go to a ship someday."



Greek Master Sgt.
Emmanouil Kagkaoudakis
Greek Representatives Office

"No more Coronavirus. I would like my normal life back. I am a traveler, I would like to be able to travel again."



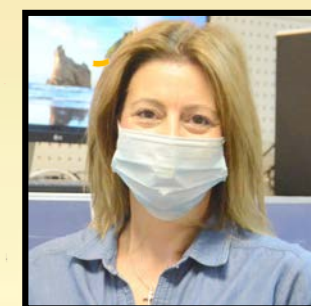
Misty Toennies
95th Reconnaissance Squadron
Detachment 1

"To go home and see my family, I haven't seen them in 5 years."



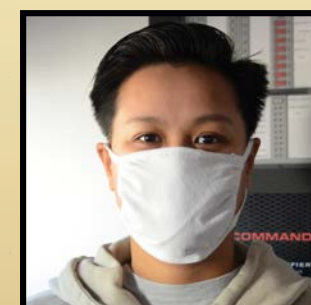
Air Traffic Controller Seaman
Ariel Federico
Air Operations

"To pick orders and see where I am headed next."



Androniki Tsouchlaraki
Navy Exchange

"I would just like things to get back to normal."



Master-at-Arms 3rd Class
Judy Nguyen
Security

"I would just like things to get back to normal. Also, I wish everyone good health, happiness and love as we enter the new year."

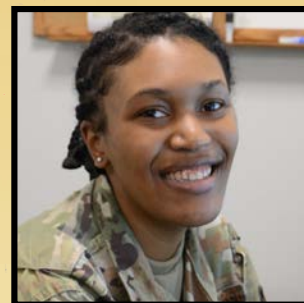
Word on the Street

What are you looking forward to in 2021?



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Staff Sgt. Tasha Simon
95th Reconnaissance Squadron
Detachment 1

"Traveling again. I want to visit the Samoan Islands."



Starvroula Korgitakou
Post Office

"Being healthy and to take care of my family and to go back to my hometown, Larissa."



Chief Warrant Officer 3
Van Vergara
Food Service

"The vaccine ... hopefully the countries that are closed will open back up so we can have the times of our lives and visit other European countries and experience different cultures."



Sedgwick Jones
I.D. Lab

"Relief from the craziness of 2020 and back to what we would consider a normal routine."



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class
Daniel Keaton
Port Operations

"I'm excited for my next command in Sasebo, Japan."



Maria Kafkalakis
Housing

"For more people to come to Souda Bay, so they can enjoy this beautiful island and so they can enjoy their time here."



Tech. Sgt. Winlon Doctor
95th Reconnaissance Squadron
Detachment 1

"I would like to explore the island of Crete!"



Irene Zai
Navy Exchange Mart Volunteer

"Traveling to exotic places, such as Bali and Thailand."



Reanna Butts
Navy Exchange Mart Volunteer

"Going back to my normal life."



Eric Hester
Fire Department

"School starting back up again, instead of me teaching."



Air Traffic Controller Airman
Madison Harvey
Air Operations

"Learning more. More growth and prosperity for everybody!"

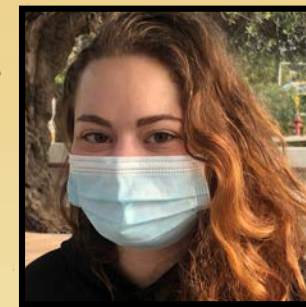
Word on the Street

What are you looking forward to in 2021?



**Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class
Dallas Diehl
VQ-1**

“Go home and see my family and everything to get back to normal.”



**Master-at-Arms 3rd Class
Katy Miller
Security**

“Traveling, I want to go to Sweden and Switzerland.”



**Dr. Virginia LeBlanc
Human Resources Department**

“A new day, a clean slate.”



**Aviation Controller 2nd Class
Emily Feldmann
Administration Department**

“Being stateside ... whether it be going home or wherever the Navy takes me.”



**Helena Bowers
Military Spouse**

“Getting off Crete and seeing more of the sights we have wanted to see.”



**Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class
Nikko Songco
Medical**

“Doing a little traveling while I’m here ... and getting to enjoy my time here in Greece.”



**Stacey Skoda
Fire Department**

“Traveling to Ireland.”



**Construction Electrician Constructionman
William Ryan
Public Works Department**

“To go out in town and do things and not be locked up the whole time.”



**Nikos
The Woof Master**

“To have a nice home with a soft bed.”



**Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class
Kelly Agee
Public Affairs**

“To be able to go to theaters again. Also, for the new Candyman and Halloween movies to come out.”



**Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class
Carlos Pancano
Medical**

“Peace and coming together.”

Living in Greece: Basic Words and Phrases

By Kostas Fantaousakis, Public Affairs

Phrases for Travelers

Do you speak English? “Μιλάτε Αγγλικά;”
(MeeLAHte agleeKA?)

I'm sorry, I don't speak Greek: “Λυπάμαι, δεν μιλάω ελληνικά”
(LeePAmeH, den miLAo ehleeneeKA)

I don't understand: “Δεν καταλαβαίνω”
(Then katalaVEHno)

I'd like to buy this: “Θα ήθελα να το αγοράσω αυτό”
(Tha EEthehla na to agoRASo afTO)

Can I try this on? “Μπορώ να το φορέσω αυτό;»
(BoRO na to foREHso afTO?)

I have a reservation: “Έχω κάνει κράτηση”
(Ekho KAnee KRAteesee)

Could we have the menu, please? “Θα μπορούσαμε να έχουμε τον κατάλογο, παρακαλώ;”
(Tha boROOsame na Ekhoume ton kaTAlOgo, parakaLO?)

Do you have any dishes for vegetarians? “Έχετε πιάτα για χορτοφάγους;”
(Ekhehteh peeAta gia hortoFAgoos?)

Could you take a picture of me, please? “Θα μπορούσατε να τραβήξετε μια φωτογραφία μου;”
(Tha borOOsate na traVEEksehteh MEEa fotograFEEa moo?)

Could I have the check? “Θα μπορούσα να έχω τον λογαριασμό;”
(Tha borOOsa na Ekho ton logariaSMO?)

I love Greece: “Αγαπώ την Ελλάδα”
(AgaPO teen EhLAtha)

Oops!/Whoa!: “Ωπα” (OHpa)
Originally meaning “oops” or “whoops,” it's also used frequently as an expression of enthusiasm or joy in celebrations or to show appreciation for music and dancing.

Various Wishes

Birthdays
May you live long! “Να ζήσεις!” (na zeesees)
May you live up to a hundred! “Να τα εκατοστήσεις!” (Na ta ekatoSTEEsees)

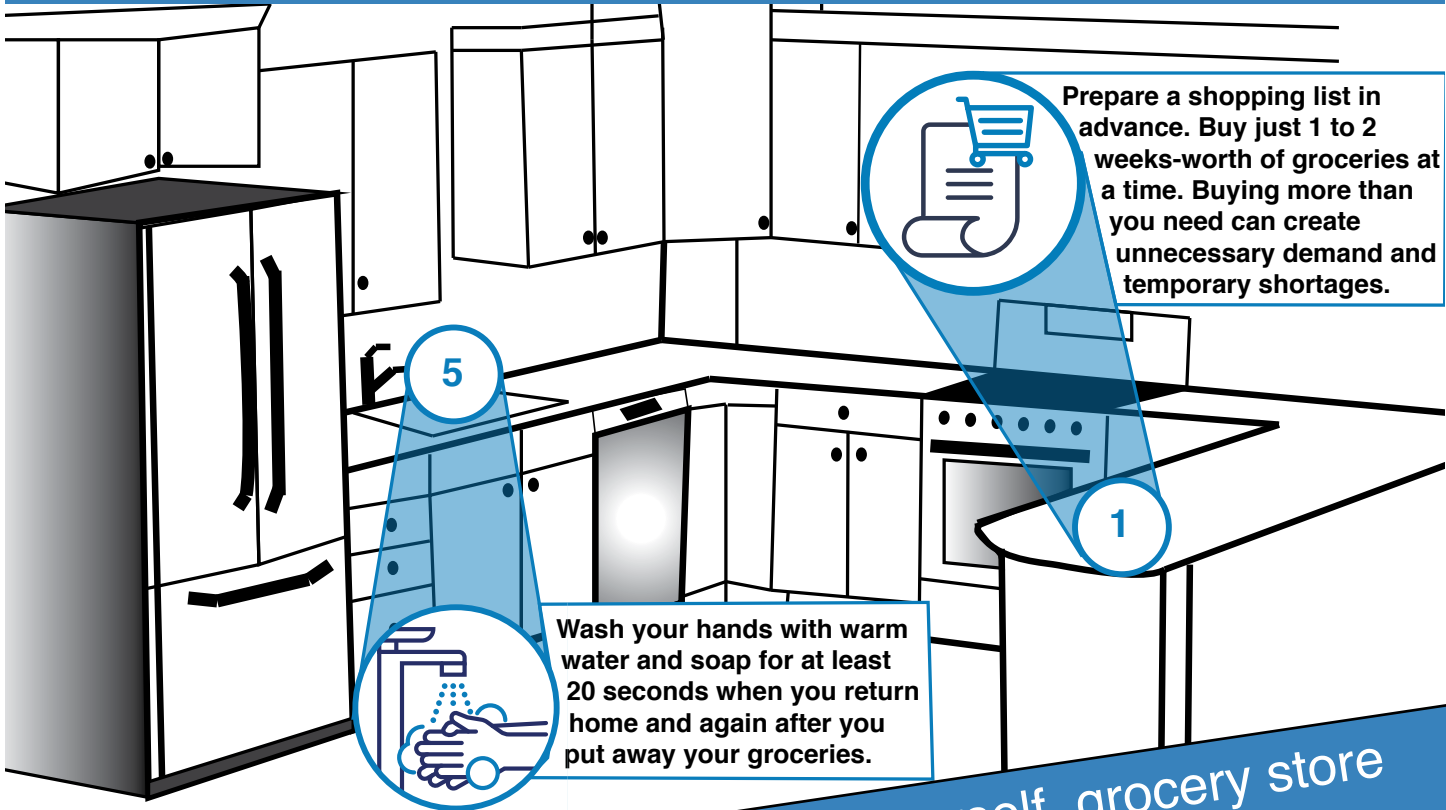
Name Days
May you rejoice your name: “Να χαίρεσαι το όνομά σου!”
(na HEHrehseh to Onoma soo)



The Virgin Mary Cathedral located in Chania's Old Town. It was originally built between 1850 and 1860. (Source: Wikipedia)
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